

Surgery Report

Patient: **Emotional X Hallowed Crown Colt 19**

Owner/Agent: John Moore Racing Stables Pty Ltd

Report Date: 12 January, 2022

Surgical Findings:

The horse identified above was presented at SRVS for removal of abnormal bone deep to granulation tissue that had formed due to a historical wound to the LH dorsomedial proximal cannon. The wound had initially healed well but had become swollen recently and the granulation had failed to mature. Osteomyelitis with or without some sequestration was suspected and the area was presented for debridement.

After induction of general anaesthesia the horse was placed in left lateral recumbancy. A tourniquet was applied, and a routine dorsomedial incision was made under radiographic guidance and the affected bone was visualised. Removal of overlying diseased bone revealed a deeper cavity with a thin area of sequestered bone which was removed with an osteotome. A small area of callous was allowed to remain proximally, as it was closely associated with the tarsometatarsal joint. The area was lavaged.

The deficit will be allowed to granulate. A bandage was applied.

The horse was also noted to have a oedema of the left caudal ventral abdomen and prepuce. No puncture or local trauma were noted. A cellulitis from a terrestrial borne bacterium is likely, and the area will be monitored for response to antibiotic therapy.

Prognosis:

The prognosis for future performance is good providing infection can be controlled. Lab results will dictate antibiotic choice once available.

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